



NC Wildlife Resources Commission Announces Return of Early Teal Season



It was touch-and-go there for a while, but North Carolina will have an early Teal season this year. This and other waterfowl topics will be discussed at the NC Wildlife Resources Commission's annual

waterfowl meetings in August.

Earlier this year, the US Fish and Wildlife Service did not include North and South Carolina in the September Teal season framework. Although the overall numbers for Teal populations were good, the FWS was concerned about hunter performance in the Carolinas. Hunters in these two states had mean attempt rates exceeding 25 percent for non-target species. A mean attempt rate of less than 25 percent for non-target species is a criterion for an early Teal season.

Commission staff felt that limited data were available states and therefore pooling the data from all Atlantic flyway states for an average was appropriate. The combined attempt rate for the Atlantic flyway was below the 25 percent threshold. Other flyways with September Teal seasons use the pooling approach to compile hunter performance data. During the framework comment period, the Commission requested the FWS reconsider based upon the pooled data. After reviewing all available data again, the FWS decided on Thursday to offer a September Teal season to the Carolinas.

"We are very pleased that the Fish and Wildlife Service reconsidered their position on an early Teal season in North Carolina," said David Cobb, division chief of wildlife management for the Commission. "The early season provides an appropriate balance between hunting opportunity and the status of the Teal population."

The early Teal season for 2003 will be from Sept. 11 to Sept. 20, east of US 17 with a daily bag limit of four birds and a possession limit of eight. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

To learn more about the early Teal season, Pintails, Canvasbacks, and other waterfowl issues, hunters can attend public meetings in August. At the public meetings, the biologist will present the FWS frameworks for the upcoming season as well as staff recommendations. The public is welcome to ask questions and comment on the proposed season regulations during the meetings.

Migratory Bird Season Dates, Bag Limits, Shooting Hours and General Restrictions



HUNTING/TRAPPING

Species	Open Dates	Daily Bag	Possession Limit
Dove	Sept. 1 to Oct. 4; Nov. 24 to Nov. 29; Dec. 17 to Jan. 15	12	24
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 1 to Nov. 8	15	30
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 1 to Nov. 8	25	25
Gallinule and Moorhens	Sept. 1 to Nov. 8	15	30
Woodcock	Dec. 17 to	3	6
Common Snipe	Nov. 14 to Feb. 28	8	16
Canada Goose	Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 (Except NE counties*); Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 (NE counties*)	5 (Except for Dare & Currituck where limit is 2)	10 (Except for Dare & Currituck where limit is 4)
Early Teal Season	Sept. 11 to Sept. 20 (East of U.S. 17)	4-	8

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STRIPED BASS RECREATIONAL SEASON—ALBEMARLE SOUND MANAGEMENT AREA

Preston P. Pate, Jr., Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, hereby announces that effective at 12:01 A.M., Saturday, October 11, 2003 the season for striped bass taken for a recreational purpose in the Albemarle Sound Management Area will open with the following restrictions:

I. AREA DESCRIPTION:

The Albemarle Sound Management Area as defined in Marine Fisheries Rule 15A NCAC 30 .0503 (b) (2) (A) (ii).

II. SEASON, MEANS AND METHODS:

A. Striped bass may be taken for recreational purposes on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only during the open season.

B. Holders of the Recreational Commercial Gear License (RCGL) must adhere to the daily bag limits and harvest days for striped bass during the striped bass recreational season.

RCGL gill nets with a mesh length of 5 ½ inches and larger are required to be equipped with floats that do not exceed 2 inches in diameter and 6 inches in length, with float placement no less than 10 yards apart. The nets must be set so as to fish on the bottom not to exceed a vertical fishing height of 48 inches. Attendance is required when used from one hour after sunrise through one hour before sunset.

C. The recreational season for striped bass in the Albemarle Sound Management Area will close at 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 31, 2003, unless closed earlier by a proclamation.

III. SIZE AND CREEL LIMITS:

A. No person may take or possess striped bass less than 18 inches total length taken for recreational purposes from the Albemarle Sound Management Area.

B. No person may take or possess more than two (2) striped bass taken in any one day for recreational purposes from the Albemarle Sound Management Area.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of G.S. 113-170.4; G.S. 170.5; G.S. 113-182; 113-221(e); 143B-289.52; and N.C. Marine Fisheries Rules 15A NCAC 3H .0103 and 3M .0202.

PROCLAMATION FF-36-2003

B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the Fisheries Director under his delegated authority per 15A NCAC 3H .0103.

C. The intent of this proclamation is to allow the recreational harvest of striped bass in the Albemarle Sound Management Area within the striped bass harvest allocation established by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission in cooperation with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

D. Recreational seasons for striped bass in the Roanoke, Eastmost, Middle and Cashie rivers are under the management jurisdiction of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and are exempt from this proclamation.

E. Hook-and-line fishing equipment is not commercial fishing equipment in the striped bass fishery and it is illegal to sell or purchase striped bass taken by hook-and-line in accordance with N.C. Marine Fisheries Rule 15A NCAC 3M .0201(b).

F. Commercial fishing equipment authorized by the RCGL is not considered commercial fishing equipment in the striped bass fishery and it is illegal to sell or purchase striped bass taken by this method in accordance with G. S. 113-173.

G. All striped bass that do not meet with 18 inch size limit shall be immediately returned with minimum harm to the water where taken.

H. This proclamation supersedes FF-31-2003, dated April 25, 2003, which closed the season.

Notice of Open House Camden County Advanced Core Land Use Plan

Camden County will conduct an open house to present the Phase I draft of the Advanced Core Land Use Plan to the public. All citizens are encouraged to attend, review the plan, and ask questions.

WHEN: August 28, 2003 6:30 P.M.

WHERE: Camden County Courthouse 117 North 343 Camden, NC

Your attendance and support are important!

Questions? Please contact Mary Rhodes or Dave Parks at (252) 338-1919

"Camden UMC will be holding a Service of Remembrance for Sept. 11 and Singspiration on Sunday evening, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. at Camden UMC, 188 Hwy 343 South. Choirs from Shiloh Baptist and City Road UMC will join Camden for this special event. All are welcome to attend."



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Definitions of Common Legal Terms

Answer: The response to a complaint.

Appeal: A request, usually by the losing party, to have a higher court review the case and make a ruling.

Complaint: The initial pleading by which a lawsuit is begun.

Judgment: The ruling or decision of the judge (or jury) in the case, which determines the rights of the parties. A judgment is sometimes referred to as an order.

Motions: An application or request to the court asking for a ruling or action.

Order: A ruling or decision from the judge directing someone to do something or giving a decision in the case. Orders can be entered at any time in the case, and often are entered in response to a motion.

Pleadings: General term used to refer to papers requesting something or responding to a request that are filed in the case, including the complaint and answer.

Subpoena: An order to appear at a set time and place to testify or to produce documents.

Summons: Issued by the Clerk of Court usually at the time of filing the complaint, and is the official notice of the lawsuits.

Voluntary Dismissal: The plaintiff's decision to dismiss the case. A voluntary dismissal with prejudice permanently ends the case. A voluntary dismissal without prejudice allows the plaintiff to file the lawsuit again within one year.

Ask the Courthouse Crew

A weekly Q&A informing residents about the exciting changes taking place in Camden County's Historic Courthouse as renovation nears completion. Established in 1847, it has the distinction of being the "Oldest Continual-Use Courthouse in North Carolina."

Q: Why are green shutters being added to the courthouse?

A: When the project began, residents and project volunteers agreed on two things: that the courthouse must be restored to its original state as closely as possible and; it must continue to serve the county's needs... it should look like a museum but function like a contemporary courthouse.

To begin restoration, the architect had to find out what the courthouse originally looked like but almost no records are available before about 1900. So, in Summer 2000, the architect began taking wood and paint samples for analysis and digging around the building itself.

The earliest known photo, taken before the hotel was demolished in 1908, shows shutters on both floors and, masonry near all windows has stubs of the original wrought iron hold-backs. Surviving shutters, still in place under the balcony, appear to match the photo and they have been used as the model to build new ones. Analysis of paint found under the hinges revealed that the shutters were painted "bright grass green" with cast iron, parliament-style, lift-off hinges painted black. Although later repainting used darker green and more olive-tones, or black, the shutters have been replaced and now appear as they first did.

And, speaking of color, paint analysis turned up some spectacular combinations from the past. Some of the trim colors adorned by "The Old Gal" have included (oldest to most recent); dark purple, bright orange, black, brick red and white. The roof has been red, black and aluminum, and the bricks themselves were once painted red, with green in places. Finally, bright orange carpet had to be stripped from the courtroom itself before renovation could even begin. Tastes change a lot in 156 years!

Although nearing completion, brick and furnishing sponsorships will be available until the need is met. Donations made now may still be received in time for opening ceremonies. Contact Clarann Mansfield today to find out how you can make a donation at 252-338-1919.



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With school getting ready to start many of you may be wanting your children to be involved in some extra curricular activities. And 4-H may just be the answer. Currently we have four different clubs here in Camden.

Camden County 4-H Livestock Club

This club is open to children grades Kindergarten through 12th. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Sheriff's Conference Room. Some of the things this club participates in are: show and sell livestock, attend the 4-H Congress at NCSU, go to camp, participate in the 4-H District Activity Day, go on field trips, the annual picnic, Fall Festival, attend the Christmas parade and party, go to awards Night and work on a variety of community service events. For more information on this club please contact the Extension Office at 338-1919, Mrs. Judy Cooper at 338-6469 or Mr. Brian Lannon at 335-5105.

Horseshoe Cattle Club

This club meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Horse-shoe Farm. Some of the activities this club participates in are: Raise steers in the Spring for the Albemarle Show & Sale, in the Summer and Fall club members raise Heifers and Feeder Calves for the Fall Show circuit and the State Fair. Ken and Amanda Winslow are the group leaders for this club.

Crossrails of Camden 4-H Club

This club meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Members of this club participate in demonstrations, horse shows and clinics and project records. Members of this club also participate at the District & State Horse Show. Tanya Lantz, Theresa Molthen and Karen Brite are the group leaders for this club.

Horticulture Judging Team

Club members learn to identify plants by their roots, seeds, leaves or bulbs. Club members participate in the State Competition. Roberta Manzer and Darlene Lannon are the group leaders of this club. For more information please contact Roberta Manzer at 338-2932.

If your child is interested in joining 4-H but not really interested in any of our existing clubs we are always open to starting new clubs.

With more 4-H'ers comes the need of more adult volunteers. We are always looking for adults to serve as leaders and role models for 4-H'ers. If you are interested in volunteering your time or have further questions regarding 4-H please contact the Camden Extension Office at 252-338-1919.

4-H = HEAD—HEART—HAND—HEALTH

Treasure Point 4-H Youth Camp 2003 Pictures Are On Local Cable Access Channel

★ The Extension Office is proud to present pictures from this
★ year's 4-H and Youth Camp. We encourage everyone to
★ take the time to look at our pictures. The pictures began run-
★ ning on the cable channel on Wednesday, August 13, 2003
★ and will continue to be shown for two weeks. The local cable
★ access channel is channel 18 for Camden Mediacom cus-
★ tomers. Thanks again to all the campers and staff!



Cook's Corner for the low-carb counter

Low Carb Pancakes

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup milk & egg protein powder
- 1/3 cup ricotta cheese (2.3 g)
- 2 tbsp. heavy cream (1.2 g)
- 1 tbsp water
- 2 packets artificial sweetener
- 1 egg
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon (0.2 g)
- pinch nutmeg

Directions

Blend all ingredients until smooth. Cook on medium-low heat; turn carefully when edges are set and bubbly throughout. Serve with butter and low-carb syrup. Enjoy!

Carb Count: Recipe Total 3.7 g, Per Serving 1.8g

Low Carb Chili

Ingredients

- 4 slices bacon
- 1 pound hamburger
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped fine (1.8 g)
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, diced (3.2 g)
- 1 tsp cumin (0.9 g)
- 2 tsp. chili powder (2.8 g)
- 2 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 14 ounce canned tomatoes, with juice (14 g)

Directions

Cook the bacon until crisp in a large pot, then remove bacon. Saute the hamburger in the drippings. Add garlic, green pepper, cumin, and chili powder. Add remaining ingredients. Crumble bacon & return with the hamburger to the pot. Simmer for 25 minutes.

Carb Count: Recipe Total 22.7 g, Per Serving 5.6 g.

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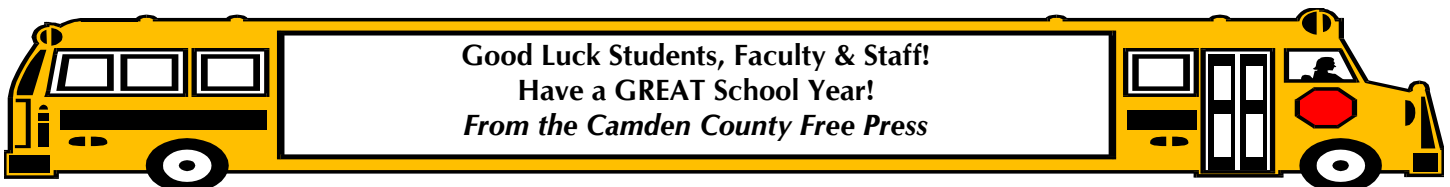
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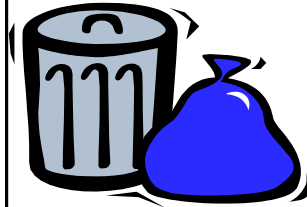
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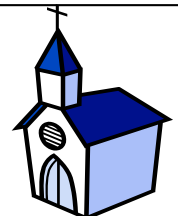
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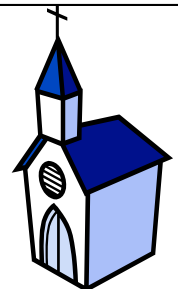
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